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nio St. We have just received a lot of

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MAY-DAY PICNICS AND OTHER PICNICS.

Programme for Next Week.

NDAY MORNING, COMMENCING AT 7:30,

The boys of any age, one at a time or in quade, must get their Straw Hats, Ties, illars and Cuffs, or Snits. Commencing 9:15, the pretty faces of the little girls nd larger girls will begin to make their aprance. They will march in 2's, 4,s and s to get their Shoes, Slippers, Hosiery, ana, Parasols, Sailor Hats, trimmed and intrimmed Hate, with streamers, Gloves and Mitts and Handkerchiefs.

12 TO 4 P. M., SPECIAL EXERCISES young men, middle aged men and old ion. They can exercise their own taste in lide Brim, Narrow Brim, High Crown, ow Crown or Crossed Crown, For or traw Hats, Dress Suits or Sack Suitesp or Fine Suits, Shirts, Standing or olding Collars, Colls, White or Colored ies or Bows, Scarfs, Four-in-Hand, or ther Ties, Hardkerchiefs, all stynsh, High let or Low Cut Fine Shoos. At 4 p. m. se grand rush will commence and continue atil 9 o'clock Tim s'ay, who the grand scession will be formed and march to the Let every one be at his et and do his dury. Trade at Dury & es, and have a good time.

Firemen's Festival.

The concert Friday night was well atshowed himself quite conversant with the what is most necessary to be done in the theme in hand, and closed as he began, with premises. feeling al usion to the fair ladies of Kyle, Lockhart and San Marcos and the world at The vocal music by the ladies was, it is

innecessary to remark, highly enjoyed by

Miss Jennie Northeraft's recitation, "That Boy," was a nice take-off of a good old aunty and her bad nephew "Tom," and vas well delivered

Mrs. Ned Kyle read an original essay entitled "Polite Lying," which was a decided hit," and evinced no ordinary ability and tentions and obligations, and, literary talent, and furnished immense amusement to the audience.

Messrs, Brown, Smith, Franklin and Lawhon provoked a big laugh as comic songsters, with banjo accompaniment by Mr. Brown, and Mr. Hardy, our worthy mayor, executed a beautiful melody upon the organ, to the great surprise of his friends whom ecomplishments in this direction,

Last, but not least, Mr. W. H. Nance de 'The Texas Steer," as apostrophized by a tion," and, Texas cow-girl-full of sound and fury, signifying trouble on the "range,"

After more music by the band, all present adjourned to the Hutchison-Glover build- to suppress, and, ing, on the north side, where a sumptuous anch was spread, and we presume-we do not speak from experience, was duly appreto secure places at the board.

We learn that the department cleared tainment. Uso de los Hambelentos. We are having a perfect season thus far.

New pavements in progress at Ahrenbeck's and Pitchford's corner. St. Marks' church grounds, shaded with

nesquite trees and set in with rescue grass, make a nice appearance. We give quite a wealth of local corre

FREE Pages is generally ahead in this line. unit and not us democrats or republicans, Remember the precinct meeting on Saturday. Let good men turn out to the primaries if they want a reform in our local

polities.

The Presbyterian Sunday School pupils ther and teachers had a pleasant sociable at the

Don't forget the election of Trustees for ur Cemetery Association at the court house on Tuesday night. May 1st. It ought to be a matter of interest to our whole communi-

Last week's weeks Luling Signal appeared to be rather disgruntled over their railroad prospects and at president Lott. We have not learned whether the road is a fixed fact

The writer of the tribute to "the sweet name of Nellie," on our first page, forgot to state that the first rhymes of Robert Burns were inspired by a winsome Scottish lassic of that name.

High Prairie Farmers Alliance suggests at amendment to the platform of local polities adopted by the County Alliance. See resolution in another place. By the way, we hear that a meeting of the Alliance to consider local politics is in contemplation.

We have nothing from Martindale of late We unluckily lost the full name of our last correspondent there, so hope he will excuse our apparent lack of courtesy in not sending him a copy of the paper, and send name again.

The FREE PRESS had no reporter of the outside demonstration, on Friday, beyond the fine procession of the fire boys, which was witnessed by everybody. As for the rest, we only heard of a base ball contest. in which the Kyle club came out victorious

By a slip of the pencil we last week converted the Knights of Honor into Knights of Pythias, referring to the proposed Mayday celebration of the former at this place. We have since learned that the Knights of Honor and Sunday schools will join in cele-

brating the day. County Poor Farm-Light Wanted.

The condition and management of the oor Farm and the treatment of the poor of Hays county is a subject which impor atively demands attention. We call on those who are well posted to give the public needed light on the subject.

The editor of the Lockhart Register, in is first notice of our recent visit to that date, showed himself a churl and a boor of the first water; his last notice of us demon strates that he is something a good deal worse in the same line, the word expressive of which will at once suggest itself to the reader of his article.

We learn there is a regular stampeds int the order of the Knights of Honor, and that one of our physicians is enjoying a bonanza is, the way of examining applicants

Lawhon & Bass, Druggiste.

leberry Cordial, which serves no much pain best prospect for grapes we have seen this the first instance of the bringing beause of and anxiety in relieving the little ones from season, of Black Sparish and Rerbemond fish by young men that we have heard of teething and choices.

"Hark From the Tombs,"

We use the above in no spirit of levity or tended, and the programme was rendered in irreverence—far from it—but simply to call a manner which seemed to be highly ap- attention to the meeting on Tuesday eve. is due from the Farz Parss. We made his preciated. The Harris band, composed of May 1st, for the election of Trustees of our acquaintance years ago when he was a res Mr. Harris, daughter, and two sons, Cometery Association. We all profess to ident of New Braunfels, and have ever sine San Marcos Fire Department, which was to rest; but we regret to say, our actions the time of his death. We copy the follow-executed in a creditable manner. Next, our have not been in accordance with these protalented young legal friend, Mr. B. G. fessions. The condition of our cemetery is Pherson, of the Kyle Star, who was one of Neighbors, the chosen orator delivered an well known to be anything but satisfactory, his former pupils. appropriate address, which was greeted and is often criticised, but our people, the Prof. T. L. Lyons died at the residence meet so large an audience, and especially so be corrected. We are informed that at Ithe in and near San Marcos. During the war many fair ladies as were there assembled, last meeting to elect officers, only two per- he removed to Blanco and taught school for having only expected to address the fire sons were in attendance, viz: The prest- two years, after which he removed to New boys and their comrades from the neighbor- dent, Maj. Hutchison and Mr. Raynolds ing towns, and was not ready to make a reg- the secretary. The writer hereof came in ular speech. Recovering from his embar- but too late, and hereby accepts his full rassment, however, he proceeded, reviews share of the consure he is bestowing on our ing the history and development of fire or- community generally in regard to this mat- memory. Prof. Lyons was a fine educator ganizations and the appliances for protection ter. It is a shameful state of things, and used by them against the dread destroyer we exhort one and all to come out next a faithful friend and a man of honor and o made during the present century. Mr. N. Tuesday and inaugurate a reform, by doing sterling worth.

Resolutious Adopted by the High Prairie Alliance, No. 3017, April 21, 1888.

Reported for the Fare Press. Whereas, at the last regular meeting the Hays County Parmers' Alliance, held in the town of San Marcos, April 3rd, 1888, a resolution was reported by the committee on resolutions and adopted by the body, and

Whereas, said resolutions by containing the words, "of his particular political party." are a violation of our declarations of in-

Whereas, our declarations of intentions end, "1st, to labor for the education of the agricultural classes in the science of economical government in a strictly non-partisan spirit, 2nd, To endorse the motto 'm things essential, unity and in all things, charity.' 5th, To constantly strive to secure entire harmony and good will among he had heretofore kept in Ignorance of his all mankind, and brotherly love among ourvelves. 6th. To suppress all personal, local, sectional and national predjudices, and livered a soul-stirring recitation entitled all unhealthful rivalry and all selfish ambi-

> Whereas, said resolutions can only serve to keep up the old political bitterness within our ranks, which we should ever strive

Whereas, we believe that the laboring classes can only secure relief from the many unjust burdens they now bear by united acciated by those who were fortunate enough tion at the polls, regardless of old party lines, bosses and demagogues, and further, we believe our present oppressed condition something over sixty dollars by this enter- has been brought about by voting to suit a few party leaders, demagogues and tricketers of the different political parties, who have managed legislation in the interest of the few, thereby oppressing the many

Resolved-1st. That we ask the committee to give reason why theresolution contains the words above spoken of, 2nd, That we ask each and every sub-alliance in the county and state to attend the convenspondence this week. By the way, the tions as farmers and laboring citizens as a and place in memination for office, regardss of party lines, men whom we know to be in sympathy with the laboring classes and who will enact laws in the interests of the people and not of the few. Be it fur-

Resolved-That a copy of the above be residence of Mrs. Mathews on yesterday furnished to each of our three county papers and to the Southern Mercury. Done by order of the Alliance. J. A. DIXON. E, A. HUBLBERT,

President, Secretary. PERSONAL.

Thanks to Mr. Butler, of Hardy & Co's,

Mr. Ab Reed, we learn, will shortly go into business at this place.

T. C. Johnson has a new patent paveent leading to his residence. Elder Williamson's late series of meetings here were enite successful and satisfactory.

Julius Rudorf is residing at New Braunfels and is officiating as assistant P. M. T. P. Dailey is greatly improving the ap-

pearance of his place by a new paling fence in front, in place of the old stockade. Jake Lawson came in from Kerr county

on Sunday with his mother, who is again occupying her old home in this place, The FREE PRESS acknowledges a pleasant

Adolph Voges, of the Hofheinz hotel, has a nice little aviary in the court yard of that establishment, stocked with quite a variety of native birds.

Coppic Sr. is moving his grocery store into the John Williamson corner, the meat market in said building having taken a side

The older of the Rountree brothers, of the Kyle Star, sons of the editress. Mrs. McPherson, made the Fage Pass a call on Friday, in company with Mr. Sam Hellman. We were pleased to make the personal ac-

erly, a gentleman whom we have known by reputation ever since we came here, Mesors, Atkinson, Pendleton and Cocke lelegates from this place to the State Med ical Convention, left, with families, for Galeston, the place of meeting, the first of the

Mai. Donalson is in his 92nd year. He older than the late emperor William, of Germany, and as a worthy American sover-eign outranks all hereditary princes and

potentates. fact that Frank Doralson sold the Farmers' Alliance gound for a cotton vard, for some dial. We are glad that Frank is likely to make his addition to the town pay well.

Frank Johnson informs us that he has a dewhorry vine grafted on a biackberry stock which yields a greater quantity and a superior quality of fruit over the ordinary We presume the process could dewherry. We presume the place reversed with good results.

In hope of benefitting others similarly afflicted, we give place elsewhere to an arti-cle from Mr. A. M. Young, sent us week before last. By the way we are very glad to in the summer time, but what is behind it learn since that he continues to improve (if anything) does not at present appear, wonderfully, and that there would seem to or good indications of his permanent restor-tion to health.

Goch Lammen, the abcomaker, is quite a smooths as a horticulturist. We were shown ad last week will not be likely to come up by him several fine grafts made this spring until it rains. on Chinese and pear stock, five on one Some of the people are going a fishing tree, all in vigorous growth, those varieties we have just heard of two young men who Where Happiness is Fenud.

on the same stock. He says every graft we have just heard of two young men who where Happiness is found? In the Dic. made this spring struck and he had to hall went to the Pedernales the other day and where mappings is realist. If the superinteneurics. Mr. H also his the brought back a fine meas of fish. This is

The Late Prof. Lyons.

Something more than the mention w made last week of the death of Prof. Lyon opened the cutertainment with an original love and honor the place where what is enjoyed his friendship. He was a veteran composition by Mr. H., dedicated to the mortal of our departed loved ones is laid teacher and followed the vecation almost to

with great applause. Mr. Neighbors stated critics included, do not attend the meetings his son-in-law, Dr. R. J. Brackenridge, of in his exerdium that he was not prepared to of the Association where such matters might Braunfels, where death robbed him of his faithful wife, and left him five little motheress children to rear and educate. He performed that duty nobly, and his children are all grown up a credit to their noble father's a perfect gentleman and a warm-hearted

We regret to announce the death Glover's fine pointer dog, " Dan." He fell a victim to poison recklesely thrown out by some unknown person. Dan was a general favorite, and justly; his sagacity, good nature, and happy, large hearted, joyous disposition, contrasted favorably with many bipeds, Apropos, evidently the Council stances and a harlequin do not lead by the should at once pass a dog law. Let this be done, and the supernumeraries decently dispatched by shooting, and let us have done with this poisoning business. There is an element of treachery in it that the average dog, even if he understood the devilish art. would scorn to be guilty of,

Token of Condolence.

On the 28d day of March 1888, death made the first inroad in our order at this place, and removed from our midst our beloved brother, James M. Franks in his fiftythird year, casting a deep shadow of sadness and bereavment over our Alliance and the entire community where he lived.

Whilst in humble submission, we bow the will of our Heavenly Father, yet we feel that we have sustained a great loss: there fore, be it Resolved, that the members of Science Hall Alliance, No. 2985, realize that they have lost a worthy and examplary member, and his family a kind, devoted and indulgent husband and father.

Resolved-That in this painful affliction we extend to the bereaved family of our departed brother our heartfelt sympathies and commend them to the care of his, their

Resolved-That these resolutions be pubished in the "Southern Mercury" and the County papers.

E. H. PHINNEY)
J. L. ANDREWS - Com.
S. ATRIN

For the Page Pages.

Rio Blauco Literary Society met at the residence of Mrs. Boss, April 21st 7 o'clock P. M. Opened by reading 52nd Psalm and song "Sowing in the Morning:" address by Mrs. McCoy; reading by Mr. President subject "Farmers' Sons:" reading by Mrs. Cogley, subject "Good Use of Memory;" recitation by Norman Cozby subject "A True Map:" rending by Miss Annie McCov subject "Example;" recitation by Mr. Henry Dooling subject "The Fancied Wife of Robert Emmett;" reading by Miss Eula exposed to the newcomer. I give the re-Billingsly subject "Power of Kindness;" duett by Miss Pearl Cozby and Herff Crocker "The Milk Maid:" reading by Miss Edna Crocker subject "Courage to do Right;" song "Beautiful Gate." Adjourned; place of next meeting Mr. James Dixon's, Saturday evening, April 28, A. D. 1888, 7 o'clock W. B. CROCKER, Pres.

Miss May Dixon | See's RENNIE BILLINGSLY

Mns. M. E. McCoy Mgr. Precinct No. 1.

In persuance of the call of the chairman of the county executive Committee, the democrats of precinct No. 1 will meet at the Court House in this place Saturday the 28th inst. for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to meet May 5th. J. E. Parronert, Ch'm.

Precinct Meetings.

The Democratic Chairmen of Precinct Committees: You are requested to call mass-meetings of the Democrats of your respective pre-cincts for the 28th of April, to elect delegates to a county convention hereby called meet in San Marcos on Saturday, the 5th call from ex-Commissioner Lightfoot this day of May, which will elect delegates to week. Worth on Tuesday, the 22nd day of May, for the purpose of sending delegates to a National convention which meets in St. Louis on the 5th of June, to nominate a candidate for President and Vice President. The different chairmen are requested to take FERG KYLE, prompt action. Ch'm Hays Co. Dem. Ex. Com.

Kyle, April 9th, 1888. A Doctor's Patient.

Why is a doctor better taken care of than his patients? Because when he goes to bed We were pleased to make the personal ac-maintance on yesterday of Mr. P. Wim-dent doctor advises his patients to keep Dr. Biggors' Hackleberry Cordial to relieve sud den attacks of the bowels.

> Death like a Man Breaking your Window Why is death like a man breaking your window? He puts an end to your pain panes). Dr. Biggers Huckleberry Cordial will put an end to the pains in the bowels.

Death Like the Letter E. Why is death like the letter E? It is the end of life. Which often comes to soot

when you neglect to check diarrhoss or dys entery with Dr. Biggers' Huckleborry Cor-Dripping Springs. April 16, 1888.

D. S. has almost gone into bankruptey through the post week, in the news busi ness. Her liabilities are very great, as sets about one per cent. There is a constant buzzing going on

such as one hours along a cedar rail fence Everybody is now waiting for another min. Corn looks very well generally, and some cotton is up, but that which was plant-

Like the buzzing, there must be something

Cattle are beginning to look as if they were not hatracks, and it is reported that beef cattle command a fair price in Austin. Anyone wishing to test this has only to take 50 or 100 fat beeves to Austin, when he will find no market at all. Every butcher will want mutton or pork. We have "been there" and know whereof we speak. One Monday butter was worth 35 cents per pound in Austin. On Wednesday we took down a lot and were glad to get 12} cents per pound. The break in the market, and it extended to all produce of the garden and dairy, had been caused by a "new man coming into town with a two horse wagon plumb full of plunder," we were informed. It is a pleasure to watch the Austin market if you have nothing that you are anxious to sell. It reminds me of the pantomime, now you have it and now you don't. By the way, what a picture of life the pantomime is! All follow columbines, the hobbies of each. Honest and simple old pantaloon are being constantly taken in. The clown (or fool) burns his fingers (figuratively) constantly, and makes trouble all around. And while each person thinks he is "paddling his own cance" the clever harlequin (politi cian, agitator or pious fraud) leads the dance and coins his fun from them all. Oh wise is the man who sets out to act on prin ciple; but wiser far is one whom cfreum-

April 21. Two deaths are reported to us this week Mr. Henry Hunter and Mr. McTice. Mrs. Daniels was so unfortunate as to fall and thereby break her shoulder blade

and is now quite ill. We had a fine rain on Tuesday night, and the prospects are good for more very short

Messrs, Wallace, Chapman, Williams and others went to the Pedernales to catch fishi but caught the rain of Tuesday insteadfisherman's luck.

The Wallace Alliance is growing in num bers and wisdom. Messrs, MacKinney and Howard are buy ng horses which they purpose shipping about May 1st. Both gentlemen are good judges of a horse and they will take a clean ot of animals to market when they move. . In answer to Thos. J. Davis' request, I beg to state that arsenical poisons, such as Paris green, London purple, etc., can be used to advantage, and without danger to producer or consumer when handled in an ordinarily careful manuer. So far as is known, no plant will take up the poison, out the planter must be careful to keep his hands from his mouth while handling the mixture or the plants after it is put on. An officient mixture is one pound Paris green, twenty pounds flour and ten pounds sifted, wood ashes. These ingredients must be thoroughly mixed, and the preparation can then be dusted lightly on the plants through a fine seive or better with a brush. The amount of mixture given above will kill all the insects likely to visit one acre of closely planted ground, as cotton, in two days if

of wastefully applied. One pound of Paris green may also be put in forty gallons of water and applied with a sprinkler. But as tion of the water is necessary, and, while the application will kill existing insects, it readily washes from the plants and leaves them cipe for Paris green in preference to commercial arsenic because it is safer to use, both as regards those handling and the plants, Commercial arsenic and many of its compounds are liable to scald the plants, Finally, dust very lightly. If the troublesome insects are not dead next day, dust again. When the poison acts, do not reapply until the meets make headway again

which may not occur. Vouched for by the U. S. Entomological Committee.

Wimberly.

April 23, 1888. Everybody is joyous and gay, having plenty of rain. It is raining to-day. Crops looking well, grass good. Stock getting fat. And we all have plenty to do and no

grumbling about it. Mr. Frank Waldrope, from Llano county, spent two days in Wimberly last week. He

was the guest of Z, T. Wimberly. Mrs. Eliza Yantis is here visiting friends and relatives. Dr. Nye, of San Marcos, passed through

our village last week, en route to Blanco Miss Susie Williamson, from Purgatory, was here last week visiting relatives.

Miss Mary Burleson, from Wayside, spent everal days in Wimberly last week, visiting Mrs. N. A. Watson is at home again. Sh

has been gone five or six weeks, visiting relatives. George Morris and wife were in Wimber ly yesterday visiting relatives.

Mr. C. A. Davis spent several hours in Wimberly last week. We are always glad to see Charley. Mrs. Cowan has been very sick but is bet-

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I hav been scared so badly since my last that I have not yet fully collected togetl. my scattered wits. Say, did you ever feel the sensation of a snake up your breeches leg? Well, Aunie sent me out the other day to gather up the eggs in the back end of the granery. When I got my pockets full, a though struck me that stove-wood would be next, now if there is any thing I hate worse than chopping stove-wood it is more of it, I got on my all-fours and began to erawl around gently knocking the trash and such away with my shapely fingers in search for cobs. You know how the legs of new ducken pants will stand out like you had on hoops. Not gathering many I concluded I had better try to chop a little. I scrambled around and being sorter tired, concluded good nice chips would answer the purpose just as well. I felt something cool slip down my breeches leg, thinks me: I have lost my eggs now. Well to make a long story short it was a rattle snake with five rattles. Annie came running out with the big spoon and biscuit cutter and would have played havoc with the snake tribe, but ere I had settled his hash and hung him up to make it it rain. I am thankful that it was'nt the eggs for they would have broken sure, and then Annie might have left the print of her biscuit cutter on my nose. Staples and Prairie Lea cross bats this evening near the Store. They generaly do up the boys but their practise has been very little since they done up Kyle. We are going down with a canopener and expect to amputate several fingers. Amen. DR. FLAT of Gaudalupe.

From Out West,

Pena Station, Tex. April 20, 1888. Editor FREE PRESS .- Sir, we are having regular stock boom down here. There has been in the last ten days shipped from this point over 8,000 head of cattle of various ages. The Gullett Brothers tell me they have sold over 300 head of horse stock in the same length of time, ten days. Lane and other commission men here have also sold considerable amount of stock, my opinion is that our stock boom will beat the emigrant boom very badly, but still we would

like to have some good reliable emigrants. Our country is not only stirring in the line of stock, but we are doing considerable farming more than common, D. & L. P. Pena have this year sowed 50 acres of John son grass and 30 acres of sorghum cane and many others are making like improvements. We have just had a fine rain which filled every bodys heart with good feelings toward the great power that sends rain. How long these feelings will last those Mexicans is more than I can tell.

Grass is fine out here now, and stock doing well. Stock is still chesp and plentiful. Our prairies look a vast flower garden DUVALL

We clip the following from our observant eighbor of the Times: Great and rapid progres is daily taking place at and on the Chautauqua grounds. Winding foot walks and carriage drives are being constructed. The ground, Tuesday last, was staked off for the erection of a din ning hall, kitchen and store room, measur-ing a total of 84 feet in length. Four thous-and feet of additional piping for the conthe poson does not dissolve, constant agita-veyance of water to various parts of the beautifully situated grounds, will be laid, and additional fountains, rustic seats, and piatforms constructed. No less than 400 tents, it is said, will be on the grounds, under shady trees, during the Assembly, which opens Wednesday the 27th of June

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